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SUBJECT: DANISH REACTION TO REPORTED CLOSURE BY FRG OF
ZIRNSDORG REFUGEE CENTER

1. ARNE PIEL CHRISTENSE, SECRETARY-GENERAL, DANISH REFUGEE
COUNCIL (DRC), QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY DEALING WITH REFUGEE
PROGRAMS AND ASSISTANCE, TOLD EMBOFF ON DECEMBER 12 OF HIS
SERIOUS CONCERN OVER REPORTED RECENT FRG DECISION TO CLOSE
ZIRNSDORF REFUGEE CENTER (NEAR NURNBERG). PIEL CHRISTENSEN
SAID THAT REFUGEES IN ZIRNSDORF AT TIME OF FRG DECISION WOULD
BE PERMITTED TO COMPLETE RESETTLEMENT PROCESSING, BUT THAT NEW
REFUGEES WOULD NOT BE ADMITTED. NOTING THAT REFUGEES DESIRING
TO PROCESS FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY UNDER SECTION 203(A)(7)

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AFTER HAVING ARRIVED IN DENMARK GENERALLY DO SO IN GERMANY

THROUGH ZIRNSDORF, HE ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY HAD ON CLOSURE, BACKGROUND FOR FRG DECISION, AND ALTERNATE PROCEDURES FOR REFUGEE PROCESSING TO REPLACE ZIRNSDORF.

2. PIEL CHRISTENSEN THOUGHT THAT ALTERNATIVES TO ZIRNSDORF COULD INCLUDE (A) DECENTRALIZATION OF REFUGEE PROCESSING TO THE VARIOUS STATES (LAENDER) OR, (B) NEGOTIATION OF NEW ARRANGEMENTS IN BONN BY UN HICOMM FOR REFUGEES OR OTHER ENTITY WITH FRG. ALTERNATIVE (A) WOULD POSE SEVERE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS FOR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

3. COMMENT: PRESENTLY, EMBASSY IS APPROACHED BY A MODEST FLOW OF EASTERN EUROPEANS WHO WISH TO PROCEED TO US. EMBASSY EXPLAINS ALTERNATIVES OF (A) REGULAR IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING IN COPENHAGEN WITH LABOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT AND (B) POSSIBILITY (MENTIONED WITHOUT COMMITMENT, OF COURSE) OF 203(A)(7) PROCESSING. ANY OF THESE PERSONS OPT FOR 203(A)(7) PROCESSING AND GO TO GERMANY AFTER CONTACTING AND BEING ACCEPTED BY A VOLUNTARY AGENCY.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS ACTION ADDRESSEES TO CONFIRM DETAILS OF ZIRNSDORF SHUTDOWN, DEVELOPMENTS ON ALTERNATE PROCEDURES, AND GENERAL COMMENTS ON FUTURE OF REFUGEE PROCESSING, PARTICULARLY FOR GUIDANCE OF MISSIONS IN COUNTRIES WHERE 203(A)(7) PROCESSING IS NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHORIZED. EMBASSY REQUESTS ADDRESSES TO IDENTIFY WHAT MAY APPROPRIATELY BE PASSED TO PIEL CHRISTENSEN. EXEMPT FROM AUTOMATIC DECONTROL. DUNNIGAN

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